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1. MISSION IS DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT THERE APPARENTLY IS NO RPT NO PROPOSED QUALIFIED CANDIDATE IN SIGHT TO REPLACE DON LINDQUIST AS HEAD OF INSECT AND PEST CONTROL SECTION OF JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION.

2. THE PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT IN THIS SECTION ARE AMONG MOST SUCCESSFUL OF JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION AND ARE ALSO SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. PROGRAMS, INCLUDING AID-SUPPORTED TSE-TSE FLY PROJECT IN TANZANIA. THUS, U.S.G. HAS DIRECT INTEREST IN PROGRAMS OF THIS SECTION.

3. THE POST OF HEAD OF THIS SECTION IS REGARDED BY MISSION AS ONE OF KEY POSTS IN AGENCY, AND AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 19, WE INFORMED ERDA OF LINDQUIST'S PLANNED DEPARTURE AND RECOMMENDED HIGH PRIORITY EFFORTS TO LOCATE QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT.

4. MISSION BELIEVES IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE HIGHLY QUALIFIED SCIENTIST IN THIS POST IF PROGRAMS IN THAT SECTION ARE TO PROCEED IN REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL MANNER. MOREOVER, SINCE U.S. IS LEADE IN FIELD, IT IS EXPECTED THAT U.S. SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE AVAILABLE THAT
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SCIENTIST. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT

THIS MATTER BE GIVEN HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION AND THAT A SUITABLE CANDIDATE BE NOMINATED. MISSION ALSO SUGGESTS QUESTION OF LACHANCE'S AVAILABILITY BE REVIEWED, SINCE WE HAD HEARD INDICATIONS THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN COMING BACK. (LEO LACHANCE WAS LINDQUIST'S PREDECESSOR).

5. WHILE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MAY 26, WE DOUBT WHETHER LATE NOMINATION WILL CAUSE TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY FOR AGENCY, ALTHOUGH THEY CLEARLY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LINDQUIST'S REPLACEMENT ON BOARD BY JULY.

6. FYI. POSSIBILITY OF SHIFTING VAIL FROM SEIBERSDORF LAB TO REPLACE LINDQUIST HAS BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT AGENCY STRONGLY HOPES TO HAVE MORE SENIOR SCIENTIST WITH MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE. END FYI.

7. ADVISE. LEAHY

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